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For: HEAT-RESISTANT CERAMIC CORE	)	Date: January 16, 2007
WITH THREE-DIMENSIONAL	)	
SHAPE AND METHOD OF	)	
MANUFACTURING CAST BY THE	)	
SAME	)	

**AMENDMENT (A)**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 16, 2006, please amend the application identified above as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.